



## San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium San Antonio, Texas

Office of the Dean

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Welcome to the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium (SAUSHEC)! As Dean of the Consortium, and on behalf of the Commanders of the 59<sup>th</sup> Medical Wing (Wilford Hall Medical Center - WHMC) and Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), it is my pleasure to extend a warm greeting to you and your family as you prepare for your training experience in San Antonio. SAUSHEC is the sponsoring institution for military Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs in San Antonio, and is one of the largest GME institutions in the Department of Defense (DoD) combining the resources of two of the nation's finest military teaching institutions, BAMC and WHMC. We believe this makes us the strongest GME center in all of DoD. We congratulate you on your selection to our excellent SAUSHEC training programs. The time you spend here will likely be very challenging, but will just as likely be professionally and personally rewarding.

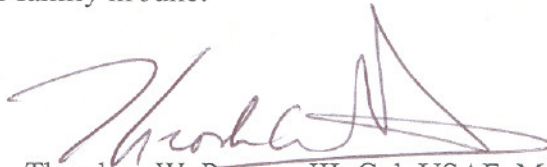
It is our goal to make the transition to military life in San Antonio, both for you and your family, as smooth as possible. We have created an orientation section on the SAUSHEC web site ([www.whmc.af.mil/saushec](http://www.whmc.af.mil/saushec)) where you will find important information necessary to in-process at SAUSHEC. Please make it a point to check this site frequently over the next few months, as we will continually update it with new information. The web site also contains other useful information that you will find helpful during this transition period.

Your Program Director should assign you a sponsor who will serve as a liaison and help you and your family with the move to San Antonio. In addition, please take note of the Wilford Hall Officers' Auxiliary (WHOA) and the BAMC Auxiliary information that is available both on the web site and in a welcome letter. These auxiliaries are the spouse organizations at our sponsoring hospitals, and provide many great services, including providing financial support for SAUSHEC activities. I encourage your spouse to participate in one of these organizations during your stay in San Antonio.

During the month of June, we will conduct orientation and in-processing at both institutions. It is critical that you coordinate your activities with your Program as individual requirements vary within each department. The schedule will also allow time to interface with your new Program Director and provide time to attend to the demands of a new home. We also have some events planned during orientation that will help prepare your family for this training experience in San Antonio. While your participation is mandatory, family participation in these events is voluntary; however, I encourage you to include your spouse in these activities, as they will help with the transition into your very demanding assignment. In particular, I want to inform you about a welcome session on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June for both you and your spouse. This will include information and orientation that will be important to all, and we will provide monitored child-care so that no-one is excluded from attending. Furthermore, SAUSHEC will sponsor a Welcome Social on the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, specifically planned for the entire family. This will provide a great opportunity to meet fellow residents, interns, and senior leadership from both hospitals in a relaxed, social setting.

A number of senior leadership changes will take place in the consortium this next year, but as is typical in the military, capable and accomplished new leaders will be appointed to continue the strong leadership that we have enjoyed in San Antonio for many years. Finally, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) directions from Washington have prompted further integration and collaboration between the 2 military hospitals in San Antonio. BRAC will provide many opportunities for growth within the consortium.

Again, on behalf of BG Young, Commander 59<sup>th</sup> Medical Wing; BG Gilman, Commander Brooke Army Medical Center; and the entire faculty, we welcome you to SAUSHEC. You are now part of the best medical education organization in the Armed Forces. We look forward to seeing you and your family in June!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Theodore W. Parsons III', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

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